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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- 1. WE ARE AIRMAILING TODAY, ADDRESSED TO YOU PERSONALLY, COPIES OF GOB POSITION DESCRIPTIONS FOR FOUR OF THE FIVE TOP PRIORITY AID ADVISORS. THESE POSITION DESCRIPTIONS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY GOB MINISTERS CONCERNED AND CONVEYED TO ME PERSONALLY BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER WITH ASSURANCE OF GOB APPROVAL. THE REMAINING POSITION DESCRIPTION, THAT FOR AN ADVISOR ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION AND METHODS, IS STILL UNDER REVIEW IN GOB BUT SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY.
- 2. IT IS POSSIBLE WE WILL RECEIVE ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FROM GOB ON THE DETAILED ACADEMIC AND TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED FOR THESE POSITIONS, BUT I BELIEVE THE DESCRIPTIONS WHICH WE ARE MAILING TO YOU SHOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR TO AID TO PERMIT THEM TO BEGIN RECRUITING.
- 3. RE BUDGET ADVISOR POSITION, ECONOMY MINISTER, IBRAHIM ABDULKARIM, HAS SUGGESTED THAT ECONOMICS PROFESSOR SNAVELY OF CONNECTICUT UNIVERSITY, WHO HAS SPENT SOME TIME IN BAHRAIN WITH FORD FOUNDATION, MIGHT BE EXCELLENT SOURCE OF ELABORATION FOR AID RECRUITERS AND OF BACKGROUND BRIEFING FOR CANDIDATES FOR THIS POSITION SINCE HE IS PROBABLY THE AMERICAN MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE OF GOB'S BUDGET POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND PROBLEMS.

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